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Musical Neutrality

THERE are thirteen nationalities among the eighty-five players in the Damrosch Orchestra, who must travel together for six months during the European wrangle. Damrosch has put up a sign forbidding war dis-

Control. If decorpt prompts to have his at proper decrease of the foreign and making proper to have his at proper decrease of the foreign and making proper to have his at proper decrease of the foreign and making proper decrease of the foreign and correct opinions formed, but are held merely because one's grandfather was born in any one of the countries now at war.

How Many Bites to a Horse?

TT IS a rather well-established legal maxim bite out of a human being before he comes under the classification of "vicious," which and not at all with the greatness of empires. would render his owner liable to civil or criminal prosecution. According to a recent decision in New York City, a horse, possibly on account of its greater bulk and larger mouth, is entitled to twice as many samplings of the human body before his master can

be held responsible. This particular Bucephalus was owned by Signor Zito Pazerono, and was doubtless employed in more humble and more useful tasks than Alexander's great mount. Pazerono's horse bit a man and nibbled a small segment of cuticle from a six-year-old child. But the judge prepended that these equine endearments reflected not at all upon its owner's conduct, and so that gentleman went out of court without a stain upon his record.

This was in a criminal court. In a civil court it will be necessary, if the bit and nibbled ones carry the matter further, to prove that they really suffered any damage, and that proof will be made more difficult by the horse-owner's exoneration on the criminal side. Those that have been bitten by a horse assert that the experience is not agreeable. They should contrive, at any rate in New York, to let the horse take an arm or leg, if they hope to have a relatively easy time in any attempt to secure damages. In the criminal court it is obvious that the owner of the frolicsome horse cannot be held responsible even if the person who got in the horse's way should have his head bitten off.

Government in the Laboratory

DR. IRA REMSEN, formerly president of the Johns Hopkins University, has returned from a visit to New Zealand wonderfully impressed by the laboratory work in government being done in that interesting country. "I know of no other such tribunal in the world," is the way he comments on New Zealand's court in which disputes bean experimental law, which seems to have justified itself for permanent use.

Quietly, so quietly that the world hears

The theory is that it will do no harm to experiment with any system having in it the elements of progress, and great good may result from such experimentation. This is a

sound theory. .Why couldn't the United States have a reservation for experimental government? For instance, in the District of Columbia, where no man has a vote anyhow, and where there is unusual freedom from any obligation could be conducted very nicely, and anything found to be good could be transmitted to the States and Territories, with the possible result that worth-while legislation might

> Such a laboratory, conducted by the government along nonpartisan lines and purely for research, would attract to its aid all the experiences of the world through foreign representatives and correspondents, and it might not be too much to predict that all countries would soon be watching Washington for new suggestions.

German Land Hunger

THE only one of the many German arguments as to her justification in the present war that has made any sensible impression on American public opinion is the contention that her European territory was not sufficient for her growing population. Germany needed more territory in Europe and colonies elsewhere to take care of the surplus population. In an area about the size of France, Germany has a population of 65,000,000, as against the former country's 40,000,000.

The colonial bargain counter had been pretty well picked over before Germany had a hand to grab, and so, according to her writers, military and philosophical, only by victorious war can she acquire the territory suited to her needs and warranted by her culture. The spread of that culture, indeed, is to follow in the wake of conquering German armies.

Offsetting whatever plausibility there may be in this argument are a few plain facts One of the major of these is the fact that

stream of emigrants will doubtless flow again to this and other countries that have elbowroom. If in their new homes they live peaceful, industrious and contented lives, true German patriots should experience the same deep sense of satisfaction as would all true that every dog is entitled to at least one humanitarians. A lover of mankind is concerned only with the welfare of human beings,

Kings and Peoples

said that the Italian court desired to maintain its place in the triple alliance by adding its army to those of the German and Austrian Emperors, but was prevented because the Italian population would not indorse such action, that, in fact, the Italian court might have a revolution on its hands if it persisted. From day to day we had also been told that the late King Charles of Roumania, who was born a Hohenzoilern and had always had strong German tendencies, would fain have helped his imperial kinsman, but could not because his subjects ardently desired to throw their lot in with the allies.

What is in the minds of kings and emperors is obscured, but there is no difficulty in believing that their points of view are frequently opposed to the wishes of the nation. If the heart of the Italian people had been with Germany and Austria, it is easily conceivable that her statesmen would have discovered that what they now hold to be a defensive alliance required offensive assistance, and Italy would now be getting her full share of casualty lists and other striking reminders of the glories of war. Had Roumania followed the desire of its late ruler, who seems to have been kingly more than most of his kind, its people would probably be now receiving the earnest attention of one or more of those Balkan states which appear to have war desires and abilities in about equal measure, and that a large one.

Traditionally, Americans do not like kings. Current events have not lessened their dis-

The Republican assaults on the war tax bill have supplied the required amount of cam-paign ammunition. Now that the talking is tween capital and labor are arbitrated under about over, it is time for Congress to shut up shop and go home

little of it, New Zealand is trying out every- our Virginia contemporaries. That is always thing in the way of government that promises a difficult feat, and in case of some faces must advance over anything now in use clsewhere. be rather painful.

SONGS AND SAWS

Keep On At It.

If your work is not inspiring,

If to you it's tedious, tiring,

Try once more; You may find a wmy to do it That will add adventures to it By the score.

Don't get sore because you're tired Of the job for which you're hired, That's not wise. Do the very best that's in you
And you'll find that course will win you
Life's best prize,

He—Do you expect to carry out the promise you have made to marry me?

She—Well, as I look at the matter I have taken an option on you, but I feel I have a right to surrender it in the event that a better opnortunity offers. opportunity offers.

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The Wrong Sort of Weather.

My, but this is a mournful day!

With its gloomy clouds and drizzling rain,
And over all the skies of gray.

I don't much care what others say,
But it gives me a pain.

Marse Henry's Views.

If you'd know what Old Kentucky
Thinks of Prohibition days.

If you'd learn just what Marse Henry
Has to say about its ways,

If you'd get the Blue Grass outlook
On how much it helps or pays;
Scan the column next in his Scan the column next in line, Where Marse Henry's curses shine.
THE TATTLER.

paragraph: "And right at this present minute couraging matters in that good section. The letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great disease of smallpox. It is true that this dread disease of smallpox. It is true that this dread disease of smallpox. It is true that this dread disease is doing its most work among the colored people, who have so little idea of the value of sanitation, and in the camps of the lably be successful. Does not this very fact carry in it the germ of possible future trouble but it is also true that the disease is getting a Parist correspondent, representing a Parist correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent, representing a Parist correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the great correspondent present at a part of the letter tells of forty-odd deaths from the some foreign power?" Food for thought not found on a delicatessen menu.

Editor Showalter, who is the war critic, we assume, of the Harrisonburg News-Record, is apprehensive for the safety of John Bull and A T the outset of the European war, it was his island. Reviewing the situation in the European war zone, he says: "The probabilities are that there will be something doing toward the end of this month in the direction of Dover, and thence toward London, that will cause the English to hesitate about sending any more men to France, if it does not, indeed, lead to the withdrawal of some of her men from there. Regardless of this expert opinion, however, we can't raise our imagination to the flight of fancy involved in hearing the Kaiser's troops singing in German, "London Bridge Is Falling

Current Editorial Comment

Lewis J. Dunean, Mayor Butte, Mont., and Sheriff Timothy Driscoll have been removed from office because they failed to pro-Order Society's First Need. office because they failed to provide the city with protection during the rlots of labor factions and other lawless proceedings last June. The first necessity of society is order. The primary condition of progress is order. The first duty of the authorities is to use all means within their power to insure order. The first duty of the citizen is to keep order. So pressing, so absolute is this necessity for order that a private citizen needs no more authority than his simple citizenship to help maintain it when it is seri-First Need. citizenship to help maintain it when it is seriously threatened. The court's verdict indicates that the Mayor and sheriff did not appreciate their serious responsibility. It indicates that they failed to discharge the primary function of their offices—to meet society's first need.-Chicago Herald.

Will Kaiser erted upon Dutch neutrality, the severity with which Belgium has been treated may be an import-

Holland? ant factor. It may be the German calculation that the Dutch ow see that they would suffer less from the ables than from the Germans, because the Germans must "hack their way through," and are therefore self-absolved from all considerations of humanity such as might influence France and England. But Baron von Zedlitz, of the Prussian lower House, writing in the Berlin Tag, thinks that Germany has not yet gone far enough in the way of impressing the people ONE WHO DOES NO of occupied territory. Great severity, he says, Richmond, October 12, 1914.

is truly humanitarian, because it will sooner end the war, a consideration which "stands above all the other considerations of humanity." German administration of foreign countries therefore must "remain free from all sentimental weakness and half-way measures," the There speaks a sweet soul, but Alva was a sweet soul, too, and if Holland keeps its old spirit it will not be easily cowed even by the spectacle of bleeding Belgium, as innocent as Holland of wrongdoing to Germany.—Springfield Republican.

Harsh Words Kentucky-was not of yore either Harsh Words Kentucky—was not of yore either From a llar or a hypocrite. "Better England free than England Marse Henry sober," said the sturdy old English bishop, mindful of Magna lish bishop, mindful of Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights. Better be both, says the Courier-Journal; but not on compulsion; never at the bidding of canting cheats and dishonest fanatics. Rather than make Kentucky over in the likeness of Maine and Kansas, better to sink her in the bottom of the ocean. Yes, better, a thousand times better, in the deep of deeps, her standard of freedom and manhood at the fore—her fidelity to justice, public and private, intact—the tattered emblems of her glory about her, than that she should be left affoat upon a sea of fraud, a rotten old hulk the matter is that the Athletics blew up, ascended some thousands of feet and then exploided with a loud report. All Stallings's outfit had to do was to keep their feet on the ground. The Mackmen couldn't hit a balloon or catch their breath.

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War News Fifty Years Ago

(From the Daily Dispatch, Oct. 15, 1864.)

All was quiet below Richmond yesterday. The Federals seemed to have been satisfied in a measure with their defeat of three days ago, and willing enough to remain in their entrench-The rebel boys did not mind taking

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CAN YOU GIVE THANKS?

ONE OF THE DAY'S BEST CARTOONS



-From the Indianapolis News

PARIS SINCE THE SIEGE WAS AVERTED

PARIS, October 6.—To look for the first time upon the subdued and demure face which Paris to-day presents to the world is to experience the surprise of one's lifetime. No one familiar with the French capital under normal conditions—its exuberant galety, its sleepless pursuit of pleasure, its crowded theatres, its thronged boulevards and overflowing cafes—could ever have face which Paris to-day presents to the world is to experience the surprise of one's lifetime. No one familiar with the French capital under normal conditions—its exuberant galety, its sleepless pursuit of pleasure, its crowded theatres, its thronged boulevards and overflowing cafes—could ever have imagined that Paris was capable of such an extraordinary change in the course of a few weeks. The metamorphosis is staggering; it is almost impossible to describe it adequately in words.

BY GEORGE DEFRESNE.
PARIS, October 6.—A French war correspondent, representing a Paris newspaper, who was the only correspondent present at

tricated themselves from their fix, and eventually fell back in good order, though with heavy losses from the most terrible artillery I have ever During this memorable day, on which